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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Giacomo Stefano ROBA et al.) Group Art Unit: 1731
Serial No.: 09/465,016) Examiner: J. Hoffmann
Filed: December 16, 1999)
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)
FORMING AN OPTICAL FIBER)
PREFORM BY COMBUSTIONLESS)
HYDROLYSIS)

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a restriction requirement dated August 20, 2001, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I, claims 1-14 and Group II, claims 15-19. Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-14 drawn to a method of making a glass preform without traverse.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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